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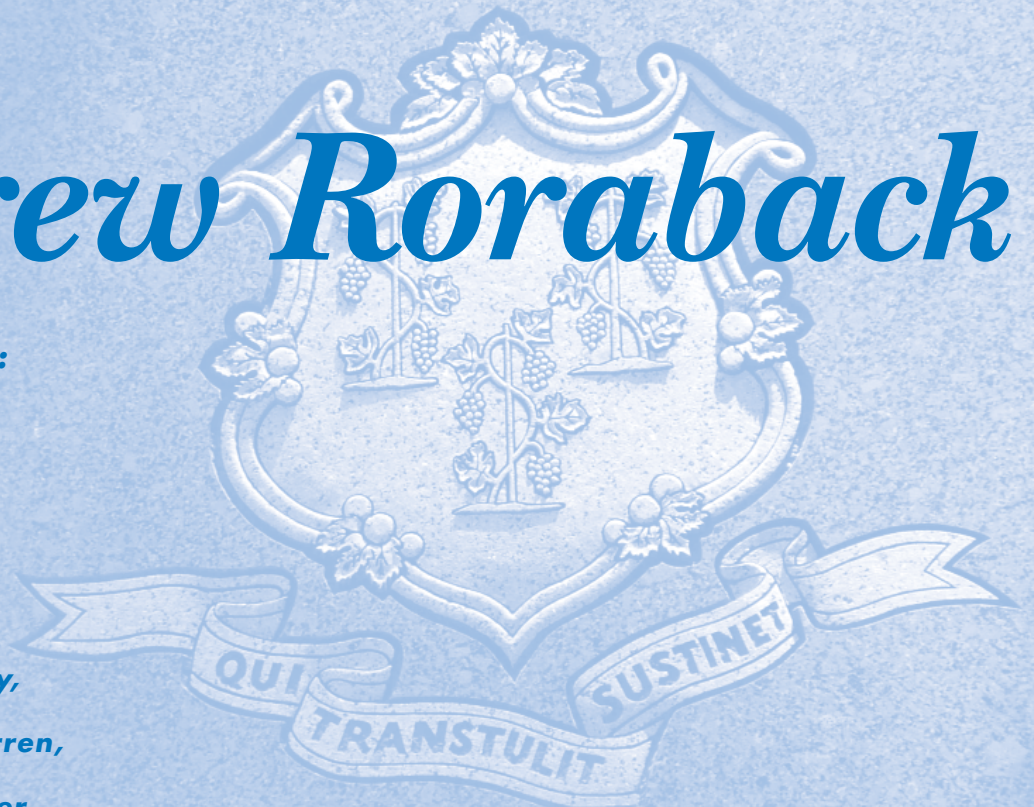
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NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT ARTS COUNCIL

Dear Friend,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to a wonderful new organization located in our part of the state, the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council. The Arts Council's mission is to promote the arts and cultural resources of Northwestern Connecticut, to assist all artists and cultural organizations in their efforts to thrive, and to inform the general public about, and give access to, the arts and culture of the 23-town region it serves. In the short time since it was formed, the Arts Council has already established itself as a wonderful promoter of arts and culture in Northwestern Connecticut.

An extensive calendar of events is available on the Council's website; this will soon be offered in print and distributed monthly throughout the region.

The *Take Part Culture Card* (good for a year) offers over 40 special discounts to performances, films, art instruction, dance classes, music lessons, dining, boutique items and services. The list of offers can be viewed on the Arts Council's website or mailed upon request, and includes discounts offered by the Warner Theatre, MOMIX, Chorus Angelicus, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, Cinerom, Litchfield Historical Society, McArdle School of Irish Dance, Village Center for the Arts, School of Performing Arts, Beyer Music, TriArts at the Sharon Playhouse, The Music Shop, Berkshire Foothills Dance School, Armstrong Chamber Music, Railroad Museum of New England, Thomaston Opera House, Kent Singers, and many, many more.

A *Cultural Resource Directory* database will be launched in the next month on the Arts Council's website for use by anyone wanting information about various performing, literary and visual artists, art instruction, cultural institutions including theatres, historical societies, libraries, festivals, schools, galleries, museums, theatre companies, dance companies, music organizations, literary groups, and organizations that serve the cultural field. Workshops, newsletters, and networking events for artists and arts organizations are also provided by the Arts Council.

The Arts Council depends a great deal upon membership support to thrive. I would like to encourage those who may be interested to become a member of the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council so that it can continue to help inform, educate, and serve our community. A membership form is available by logging onto the Council's website at www.artsnwct.org or by calling (860)482-6586. Those who join will receive the Council's newsletter, invitations to Council events, and the *Take Part Culture Card*, among other benefits. The *Take Part Card* alone is worth the expense of a basic membership contribution. The Arts Council is a charitable nonprofit organization and all membership contributions are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Please consider joining me as a member of the Arts Council by logging onto their website and sending in your membership form. And while you are there, be sure to check out their extensive calendar of arts and cultural events taking place in Northwest Connecticut monthly throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Andrew

